

## TAFT MEN'S JOBS MAY END JULY 1

**Democratic Patronage Committee Has a Plan to Swing the Axe.**

**TO PASS A NEW LAW**

**Terms of All Administration Appointees to Expire Simultaneously.**

**REPUBLICANS IN ALARM**

**All Postmasters, Collectors, District Attorneys and Marshals Affected.**

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.—The Democratic caucus of the Senate probably next Thursday will consider a somewhat startling patronage scheme from its patronage committee. This committee was appointed to devise a plan of action toward the nominations which President Taft has sent to the Senate since his defeat and which the Democrats have far held up. Its programme, adopted last week in vacating thousands of Federal jobs within a few months after the inauguration of President Wilson and the substitution of a host of Democratic for Republican office holders.

The scheme originated it is understood, with Senator Clark of Arkansas, and it is said to have the approval of most of the other members of the patronage committee. They are all Southerners, more or less hungry for rich pickings under the Democratic administration—Senator Martin of Virginia, the nominal Democratic leader of the Senate; Stone of Missouri; Owen of Alabama and Hoke Smith of Georgia. The plan contemplates the enactment by Congress of a law that will terminate next July the terms of office of all Presidential postmasters, district attorneys, marshals, revenue collectors and other office holders whose terms originally were contemporaneous with that of the President and members of his Cabinet. The plan is to propose the passage of such a law at this session of Congress with the understanding that in the event of Republicans supporting it all of the 1,300 Taft nominations now being held up shall be confirmed immediately and that all further nominations made by Mr. Taft up to March 1 shall receive favorable consideration at the hands of Democrats.

Of course the enactment of such a law would throw open to the Democrats a block on July 1 next all the vast hold of Federal patronage. Under present conditions many of the Republicans who have been appointed to office by President Taft within the last year will not have their terms expire until after the inauguration of Mr. Wilson.

Republicans who learned today of this proposition immediately announced that it would not be considered for a vote. In fact the Democratic plan is regarded by Republicans merely as an attempt to afford a pretext for continued opposition to the Taft nominations from now until March 4. They say the Democrats intend to offer an impossible proposition and then raise the issue before the country that they are justified in opposing the Taft nominations on the ground that the Republicans have declined to accept a fair trial.

Some of the Democratic advocates of the plan, however, contend that if it is not accepted by a Republican Senate a real session an effort will be made to have a law passed immediately following the adjournment of the new Congress, when both branches will be controlled by the Democrats. By July 1 the date for the expiration of Federal offices of this character.

The feeling over the patronage question is beginning to assume serious proportions and it is likely to cause President Wilson more trouble than any other. The Republicans now have a majority in the Senate, but they have been unable to accomplish anything in the way of confirmations since the re-assembly of Congress.

It has been impossible to keep the full Republican strength in the Senate Chamber, and Democrats have purposely alienated themselves whenever nominations came up, so that a quorum was lacking. The Republicans in order to accomplish anything will have to have the support of the Bull Moose Senators and all the Progressives, and it is doubtful whether they will do anything to aid the Taft men.

The Democratic control in the Senate after March 4 will be by a narrower margin even than the present Republican control, and Republican Senators have already threatened to make reprisals on the Democrats when Mr. Wilson begins to send in his nominations. It was this situation that led to the appointment of a patronage committee by the Democratic caucus to recommend a plan of procedure. It is the general impression that the members of the committee came to the conclusion that the country would disapprove of arbitrary action on the part of the Democrats in refusing to confirm nominations unless the party could offer some practical method of dealing with patronage. The Democrats believe they

## TOOK ASTOR FOR A ROBBER.

**Driver Going Through Estate Is Said to Have Shot at Him.**

POUGHKEEPSIE, N. Y., Jan. 4.—Vincent Astor had the unusual experience last night of being mistaken for a highway robber and it is reported that he had a close call from being shot, but this cannot be confirmed. The man who thought he was being held up was Robert Forbes, who was taking a short cut across the Astor domain in his light rig behind a fast trotter.

The Astor estate covers several thousand acres and there are two or three roads leading through it that are continuations of country highways and are open for public use, although on private lands. Mr. Forbes had no light on his wagon and was in peril of the automobiles. Mr. Astor was taking a walk when he heard Forbes's horse behind him and turning in the road halted the driver and asked him to stop. As he did not so he grasped at the bridle but Forbes, who was taking a short cut, pulled a pistol and shot at his supposed assailant.

Mr. Astor was not injured. The latter hurried back to Fernside and got out one of his racing cars in which he sped to Rhinebeck, traveling by way of Plattekill, so that he got there about the time that Mr. Forbes arrived. In the presence of a large crowd that had gathered mutual explanations were made and Mr. Astor said that his reason for wishing to stop Mr. Forbes was to get him to put a light on his wagon so that he would not cause trouble for himself or others.

Mr. Forbes apologized and said that he thought that the man who tried to stop his horse was a robber.

## WOMAN DECLARES HERSELF FOR FRENCH PRESIDENCY

**But Only a Test Case, She Says, as She Has No Chance of Election.**

*Special Cable Dispatch to The Sun.*

PARIS, Jan. 4.—Considerable amusement was created among politicians here this afternoon when Marie Demard, a French woman, declared her candidacy for the Presidency of France as a test of whether a woman could hold that high office.

There is really nothing definite in the French Constitution which would prevent a woman being elected when the National Assembly meets at Versailles on January 17 to select a successor to President Fallieres. Women have been particularly prominent in this matter because of the personality of Mmes. Poincare and Ribot. The former is an Italian and the latter an American, although both of course long ago assumed their husbands' French citizenship.

Marie Demard is a good speaker and posed as a candidate for the best Parliamentarian election. She has also been prominent in municipal affairs in her home, Amiens. She is an active feminist and has been prominent in that agitation for fifteen years. The French feminist, however, must not be confounded with the militant English suffragette.

Mme. Demard worked hard on a report as to women's eligibility to the suffrage which Deputy Trepoisson presented in the Chamber of Deputies, where it still awaits discussion. She says: "M. Ribot declares that a Presidential election is not made on a programme but a personality. I need not then present a programme. I present myself. I have no illusions. I will not be one who will replace M. Fallieres, but it will allow the feminists in the Chamber and Senate to recognize my candidature."

## KILLS HER HELPLESS CHILD

**London Woman Driven to Deed by Daughter's Continual Illness.**

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LONDON, Jan. 4.—There was a new aspect of enthusiasm on Saturday in the Clerkenwell police court. A woman named Mrs. Woods was charged with murder in having strangled her thirteen-year-old daughter, who appears from her birth to have suffered from an enlarged brain and hence was constantly ill. The child's sickness resulted in agonizing fits.

At the trial to-day the woman's husband testified in a pathetic manner as to how his wife had tended to the child for years. Lately, he swore, she had become overwrought under the strain. He was absent at the time when the mother, becoming distraught when the child was seized with another severe fit, took a cord and strangled her in bed.

Mrs. Woods said in a dazed manner after her husband had testified: "Did it put her out of my misery?"

The case was not concluded.

## CAROLINA WHITE ON STRIKE.

**Refuses to Sing Because Dippel Asks Too Much Work.**

*Chicago, Jan. 4.*—Carolina White of the Chicago Philadelphia Opera Company, who protested to the directors because Manager Andrew Dippel asked her to sing too often, went on strike to-day.

She withdrew from the east, which will sing "Aida" at the Auditorium to-night. She gave as her reason the plea that her voice needed a rest after the overwork of her employment which it has received.

Manager Dippel quickly substituted Frances Clay, a San Francisco girl, in the title role.

"I'm too tired to sing," said Mme. White. "I am booked to sing at a concert on Sunday. Besides, I am rehearsing with my own concert company. My contract with the Chicago company is to end with the Sunday concert."

**SEABOARD FLORIDA LIMITED MOST COMPLETELY APPOINTED FLORIDA TRAIN.** L. E. S. N. 10,300 A. M. daily from Penn. Station, Jan. 6, at Jacksonville 11:45 A. M., Tampa 5:00 P. M., Palm Beach 9:15 P. M., and on to Miami 11:30 P. M. On Jan. 13, the train will change to St. Augustine, Orlando, Daytona, Miami Key West and other East Coast points. Air line by 11:15 P. M. way, Jan. 20th at Ad.

## BALKAN ARMIES WON'T TAKE UP ARMS AGAIN

**London Conference Postponed Until To-morrow—Porte Likely to Yield.**

**RUMANIA IS THREATENING**

**Cabinet Toggling and War With Bulgaria May Follow Its Fall.**

*From The Sun's Special Correspondent.*

LONDON, Jan. 4.—In spite of today's adjournment of the peace conference until Monday without the acceptance by the Turks of the conditions imposed by the allies, I am still of opinion that the resumption of hostilities between the belligerents is excluded from consideration.

I learn that while the Ottoman delegates requested a postponement of the conference this action was taken, it is considered, at the suggestion of the Ambassadors who thought it would be wise to wait until the Powers could exert further pressure on the Porte.

A much graver danger is now threatened than the resumption of hostilities between the allies and the Turks. The complications arising from the dispute as to what compensation Rumania shall receive for her neutrality during the war is raising a most serious question between that country and Bulgaria. The Rumanians are not willing to cede the territory which the Rumanians demand out of what is expected will be given up by Turkey. The Bulgarians in fact have their own opinion as to the disadvantageousness of the neutrality of Rumania. The result is that the Cabinet at Bucharest is tottering and if it is supplanted by a nationalist administration mobilization will be ordered by the Rumanian Government. The Bulgarian Cabinet at Sofia is also deliberating carefully before taking the fateful decision.

Some people think that perhaps the Powers requested today's postponement in order to look over the situation of the allies and see if the territory claimed was all right or whether they needed it themselves.

M. Venizelos, the Greek Premier, who was to be the president for the day, started at 3 o'clock to pay a visit to a friend. After this he went to St. James's Palace for the conference, but learned on the way that the Ottoman delegates had requested a postponement of the session till Monday.

It will be recalled that at yesterday's session Rehid Pasha, the leading Ottoman delegate, stated that Turkey did not require until Monday to answer the ultimatum of the allies. The said Pasha was ready to reply at 4 o'clock Saturday afternoon.

## ALLIES AWAIT LAST WORD.

**Want Either "Yes" or "No" From Turks To-morrow.**

*Special Cable Dispatch to The Sun.*

LONDON, Jan. 4.—The meeting of the peace conference between the Turks and the allies scheduled for this afternoon was not held because of the adjournment of the hour fixed for its assembling. Rehid Pasha, the Turkish leading delegate, sent a communication to the officers scheduled to preside to-day in which he requested an adjournment till Monday at 4 o'clock.

The temper of the Bulgarians in the face of the Turkish attitude is shown by the ultimatum of the evening of a year. Bulgarian official who is in very close touch with the delegates. He said: "On Monday afternoon our envoys will go to St. James's Palace with the hope of hearing Turkey's last word, but if not word can only be simple 'yes' or 'no.' It cannot be a demand for further consideration or any quibble or haggle about better terms."

"It is the united feeling of all our delegates that we have had enough of procrastination and that we are not going to stand any more foolery of this sort."

The seriousness of the situation can be gauged from the fact that a meeting of the Ambassadors was urgently summoned at 11 o'clock on Saturday night. There is reason to believe that the European Cabinets had been informed of the situation which had been created by the ultimatum of the allies and that the Ambassadors met with the view of seeing whether a rupture would not be avoided by timely advice from the Powers.

It remains to be seen whether the rupture will lead to a resumption of hostilities. The majority of opinions in the highest diplomatic circles is that it will not. Some diplomats believe, however, that the Powers will go no further than to give friendly advice coming to the conclusion which further action would create among them. As in the case of the delimitation of the Albanian frontiers the Powers may find more active intervention too risky and the Ambassadors might be instructed to leave the settlement to the belligerents themselves.

To-day's despatches from Constantinople are all of a bellicose strain. One news agency says that the Cabinet met on Saturday morning to discuss the reports from the Turkish plenipotentiaries at London and decided after a session of a couple of hours to instruct them to reject the ultimatum of the Balkan confederation.

The *Agence Ottomane* denies the reports of a Cabinet crisis over the situation and a statement comes by way of Berlin to the effect that Enver Bey, the former Young Turk leader who conducted the war in Tripoli against Italy, after reviewing the Ottoman troops at Tebataldja sent a long telegram to Grand Vizier Kiamil Pasha, signed by twenty-five generals, demanding the resumption of hostilities. The latest report via Vienna is that the Sultan will shortly go to Tebataldja to meet King Ferdinand of Bulgaria.

It is noteworthy also that there is in London a sudden increase in the insurance on buildings and their contents in Constantinople, Smyrna, Kavalla, Varna and Rostchuk.

## WILSON MESSAGE TO SULZER.

**Governor Will Not Say He Is Recognized as State Leader.**

ALBANY, Jan. 4.—When Gov. Sulzer was asked late this evening whether or not he had received a telegram from Gov. Wilson recognizing him as State leader of the Democratic party, the Governor said that he has received a message from Gov. Wilson, but that he has shown it to no one, and that he will not make it public until next week. Such a recognition would mean that Wilson, as President, would confer with Gov. Sulzer in making appointments for New York State.

## BARBER LENT HIM \$26,000.

**High-blooded Parisian Sued for Return of Old Loan.**

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PARIS, Jan. 4.—The barbers of Paris have always been noted as aristocrats and they have sometimes been wealthy. A good example of this is Vandenberg who has an establishment on the Champs Elysees and who has been shaving and powdering and painting the young and old bloods for years.

One of Vandenberg's best customers was M. Fabry, who is allied to some of the wealthiest families in France. Fabry induced the barber to lend him 112,000 francs, or about \$26,000, which was to cover a period of five years. The barber shaved Fabry every day, but the latter never returned the loan. Finally Vandenberg brought suit against him and to-day the courts ordered Fabry to pay up with interest and costs.

## EX-BANDIT SAYS \$37,000 IS PART OF JAMES BOYS' LOOT

**Kit Dalton Tells Story of Buried Treasure Just Found by Laborer.**

*Memphis, Tenn., Jan. 4.*—Kit Dalton, former member of the James Boys and Dalton gang of bandits, said today that the \$37,000 found by George Harbison, a laborer working on a pipeline trench near Charleston, Okla., was part of \$70,000 taken in 1884 near Moscow, a town robbery in 1884 near Moscow, a town robbery in 1884 near Moscow.

"The robbery was made one night in October," said Dalton. "The gang was led by Jesse James, and with him were Dick Little, Jim Cummins, Jim Collins and four others. Collins and Little boarded the blind at a water tank just west of Moscow."

"When the train had passed the station they climbed over the water tank, pointed two revolvers at the engineer, and from a satchel took out a bag of money and a bundle of bank notes."

"They got nearly \$70,000, most of it in bank notes and gold pieces, considerable in silver and the balance in greenbacks."

"They escaped to a ravine where the swag was to be divided. Deputies and a posse began pressing them so hard they separated to meet at an Indian camp at Charleston, Indian Territory."

"United States Marshals got wind of their whereabouts and began to surround them."

"The silver and gold was so heavy it was troublesome and as all had to get away quick Jesse James buried the money near a big tree. The balance was taken to a place on the bank of Little Blue River, Jackson county, Missouri."

"Some of the gang returned to Indian Territory after the swag, but the marshals had been moved and as it was not safe to dig around there much, they gave it up."

"Strange to say, that money hid in Jackson county, Missouri, was also lost."

## FOSS TO VISIT GOVERNORS.

**Will Discuss Railway Situation With New England Executives.**

BOSTON, Mass., Jan. 4.—Gov. Foss has as yet made no move toward a conference with the other New England Governors in relation to the railroad situation, but he intends to.

It is stated today that instead of issuing any formal call for a conference Gov. Foss will visit the Governors of the other New England States and discuss the matter of a joint meeting and that he will do this within a few days.

## MRS. MURDOCK TELLS PLAN TO SWAP WIVES

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**Trip to Texas Made to Get Divorces on Desertion Grounds, She Says.**

Mrs. Nellie Murdock, wife of Gardner Murdock, a liveryman, testified yesterday afternoon at the continuation of the inquest in the Bellport, L. I., village corporation office before Coroner E. S. Moore for evidence touching the deaths of Mr. and Mrs. Henry C. Edey on Thursday last. Mrs. Murdock said that there had been an arrangement whereby Edey induced his wife to leave home with Murdock and that Edey and she herself were to have been married after Murdock and Mrs. Edey had secured divorces in Texas, whither the couple fled. She repeated her story, almost as the Bellport gossip has been telling it for weeks, without any great embarrassment, going into the minutest details in her answers to questions.

Mrs. Murdock was accompanied to the village hall by her fourteen-year-old son, Milton, and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Corwin. During the narration of her unusual story of a plan to exchange wives Coroner Moore suggested that it might be a queer idea if the boy was sent out of the room. Mrs. Murdock agreed and the young man, who had been giving close attention to his mother's testimony, was led out.

Gardner Murdock did not attend the inquest. The constables had been unable to serve a subpoena on him. In adjourning the inquest without fixing a date Coroner Moore said that he had not made up his mind whether or not he would call Murdock a witness.

When Mrs. Murdock was asked to describe the exchange of wives she said that she and Edey had been married for some time and that Edey had been deserting her for some time. She said that she had been deserting Edey for some time and that she had been deserting Edey for some time.

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**Many Parcel Post Packages Lost When Tank Spouts Fire.**

A gasoline tank on a mail truck loaded with mail bags, many of which contained parcel post packages, spouted flames in the driveway to the post office at the Pennsylvania terminal last night. A moment later the bags were burning.

Lewis Terry, the chauffeur, who lives at 128 East 12th street, shouted for help and somebody sent in a fire alarm. When firemen arrived the flames had eaten through the bottom of the tank and a score of bags and their contents had been destroyed.

Volunteers went down the rest of the bags and the mail will have to be hung up to dry. The truck was practically destroyed. The mail came in on train 60 of the Pennsylvania and was to have been delivered to the Grand Central Station.

**HOPPER'S FOURTH WIFE SUES.**

**Actor Makes No Reply to Nella Bergen's Charges.**

De Wolf Hopper's fourth wife, Nella Bergen, began suit for absolute divorce yesterday before Supreme Court Justice Scudder in Mineola, L. I. De Wolf Hopper was not present, and no defense was made. The affidavit was submitted by Samuel B. Hamburger of New York, counsel for Mrs. Hopper. The papers were sealed, and the court reserved decision. No evidence was taken. It was said that service was taken in New York.

Mr. Hopper's first wife, Ella Gardner, got a divorce soon after their marriage. Then he married Ida Mosher, a chorus girl. A divorce followed, and in 1893 he married Edna Wallace. In 1898 he married his fourth wife, who had got a divorce from James D. Bergen, a cut glass manufacturer of Hartford, Conn. Mrs. Hopper is an actress.

**CHICAGO GROWS 50,000 A YEAR.**

**Now Has 2,294,120 Inhabitants and Big Increase Is Predicted.**

CHICAGO, Jan. 4.—Chicago now has a population of 2,294,120. This figure was computed by Dr. C. St. Clair Drake. He also has figured the increase in the population of Chicago for the year 1913 and asserts that the city will have 2,348,405 persons at the end of this year.

Dr. Drake's computations were made by the method adopted by the United States Census Bureau. The last two censuses, those for 1900 and 1910, were taken and the increase estimated on the annual increase shown there.

**COAST LINE'S "FLORIDA SPECIAL."**

25th Season of Florida's First Train, 12:30 noon effective Jan. 6. 3 other limited trains daily 9:31 A. M., 3:54 P. M., 12:18 P. M. Ad.

## STRIKE FAILS TO HURT DINNER.

**Order Not Delivered to Waiters Who Served the President.**

Just about the time President Taft and 1,500 Republicans sat down to dinner at the Waldorf-Astoria last night a committee of the waiters' union ordered a strike.

The committee was upturned, however, and the regular house force, with 300 extra waiters, were inside the hotel. Mr. Taft and his managers knew about the strike order and every entrance to the hotel was guarded.

No picket or messenger could deliver the order until several hours later. It was then too late. The regular men and the extras said they would not have gone out anyway. The dinner was too profitable to be missed.

## WILSON SHUNS WORK FOR A DAY.

**Tells Princeton Friends He Wishes He Had Been an Architect.**

PRINCETON, N. J., Jan. 4.—President-elect Wilson laid aside work to-day and turned his footsteps into the cold air for a brisk walk. As he passed through the university campus he indicated with his cane the buildings with which he had a great deal to do either in the architectural scheme or the raising of funds for construction.

"I often wish I had been an architect," he said as he gazed proudly at the college Gothic. He pointed out the big scheme under which Princeton's growth for the next fifty years is planned. The Governor bought some time in a hardware store, but would not consent to be waited upon until the other customers had been attended to. He didn't say what the time was for.

## SALARY ASSIGNMENT INVALID.

**Carmody Declares State Employees Must Draw Own Pay.**

ALBANY, Jan. 4.—An assignment by a State employee of his salary to become due is invalid, according to an opinion rendered today by Attorney-General Carmody, who holds that even in the face of an assignment the salary should be paid to the employee. The opinion was asked by Dr. William Mason of the Manhattan State Hospital, who sought to find what his duty was in the case of an employee who had assigned his salary to become due within six months.

"The necessity of maintaining the efficiency of the public service by seeing to it that public salaries really go to those who perform public service is the principle upon which the opinion is based," says the Attorney-General.

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